

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Shin ISHIBASHI, Hideyuki NAGAO and Tomiya MIYAZAKI, declare that we are citizens of Japan and that our post office addresses are 7-4-201, Yanaga-4-chome, Minami-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Japan; 5-10-401, Noma-2-chome, Minami-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Japan; and 20-4-2, Miwadai-3-chome, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Japan, respectively;

That we verily believe ourselves to be the original and first inventors of the invention "FIBER OPTIC MODULE" described and claimed in United States Letters Patent No. 5,596,663 issued January 21, 1997 on application Serial No. 08/372,078 filed January 12, 1995, and in the foregoing reissue specification;

That we have reviewed and understood the contents of the reissue specification including the claims;

That we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, and that we are doing so by submission of an Information Disclosure Statement concurrently herewith;

That we do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof, or patented or the subject of an inventor's certificate or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the filing of application Serial No.

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43, 51 and 55-57 have been amended to claim a fiber optic module wherein the frame comprises at least two parts as, for example, in amended Claim 12. Further, the Abstract, Summary of the Invention and a part of the Description of the Preferred Embodiments have been amended to provide support for the recitations in the amended claims.

All of the errors being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

Wherefore, we pray that we may be allowed to surrender Letters Patent No. 5,596,663 granted to us on January 21, 1997, whereof MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. of 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, JAPAN, is now sole owner, by assignment, and that Letters Patent may be reissued to them for the same invention as disclosed in the attached specification.

And we hereby appoint Messrs. George H. Spencer (Reg. No. 18,038); Norman N. Kunitz (Reg. No. 20,586); Robert J. Frank (Reg. No. 19,112); Gabor J. Kelemen (Reg. No. 21,016); John W. Schneller (Reg. No. 26,031); and Robert Kinberg (Reg. No. 26,924) the address of all being Spencer & Frank, Suite 300 East, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-3955 (Telephone 202-414-4000), our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent

and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent.

We further hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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